



Beautiful Gulfshore Baptist Assembly gives an imposing appearance as it is seen from the air.

From The Beginning

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
Beside the Point
The Gulfshore Story

Henderson Point, a neck of land that juts out into the Gulf of Mexico at the entrance to the Bay of St. Louis, is a part of the city of Pass Christian. Bought and built up by the famous lawyer, John Henderson, it stayed in the Henderson family for around 75 years. Beside the tip of Henderson Point now stands Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

In the two decades before World War II, Henderson Point was occupied by a beautiful old hotel called Inn-by-the-Sea. The United States Government bought the land from the hotel owners, and in 1939 and 1940 converted the point into a Merchant Marine Cadet Basic School.

One autumn day in 1958, O. B. Anderson saw a notice in the New Orleans Times-Picayune which said the government had declared the academy surplus property, and would offer it for sale to the highest bidder, in an auction on Henderson Point November 7. He sent Dr. Odle the clipping and Dr. Odle passed it on to Dr. Quarles.

Dr. Quarles, Convention Board members, Executive Committee, met November 4 to look at the marine academy. It was a typical November day, drizzling rain, and cold. The property was in disrepair. But the men saw beneath the surface the great possibilities.

They gathered at Kittiwake in the large log building, for coffee and a business meeting. "Shall we bid for the government property at the auction?" They voted yes, acting on authority already given them by the state convention to develop an assembly program.

A committee was appointed. M. F. Rayburn, Rev. W. L. Meadows, Rev. Charlie Webb, Glenn Perry, Dr. John W. Landrum, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, and Dr. Chester L. Quarles.

Friday morning came, and the day of the auction. Interested buyers and spectators gathered on Henderson Point. The head auctioneer stood in front of a truck by the moss-covered oaks near the Commandant's house (now White Cap.) The crowd walked about and looked. . . then gathered near the auctioneer's truck. Most of them were talking excitedly, speculating on who would be the successful bidder. There was an electric organ in the back of the truck. The musician, as he played, made the organ sound almost like a circus callopie. The head auctioneer shouted, "Come on, hit that thing!" And the organist started playing, "When the Saints Go Marching In." Dr. Hudgins leaned over to Dr. Quarles and said, "Ches, do you hear that? The Lord is going to let us have this property."

The government reserved the right to reject any and all bids, and after consideration, to announce the successful bidder at a later date. First the auctioneer sold the land as a whole. Several groups were in on the bidding in the beginning. . . For the Baptists, Glenn Perry did the bidding. He whittled while he bid.

"Four hundred fifty thousand," the auctioneer cried. "And who'll make it fifty-one?" Four fifty once. Four fifty twice. Four fifty three times. And successfully bid by the Baptists."

Mr. Perry could take a deep breath and stick his knife back into his pocket. But for a long time his nickname was "Whittlin' Glenn."

Still the property had to be auctioned off in seven separate lots, to see if it would bring more money that way. The Baptists decided not to bid on the seven parcels of land as offered in the second auctioning. They only bid on the property "as a whole."

Two individuals especially wanted part of the property, and . . . went so far as to offer \$70,500 for a lot worth

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Gulfshore Ready For New Season

By Tom Douglas
Assemblies Manager

Gulfshore Baptist Assembly is more than a place, it is a feeling, a spirit. Each year as thousands of young people and adults come to the assembly and have experiences which enrich their lives they find something of this truth.

Gulfshore is meaningful to those who come for the first time, but even more so to those who return to share again the things which made their lives richer.

Each year more and more people come to the Gulf Coast to attend meetings and have fellowship at Gulfshore.

In 1962 there were a few over five thousand to attend, this past year attendance was over ten thousand and is expected to be over eleven thousand in the current year.

As manager of this Mississippi Baptist Assembly, I am happy to issue Mississippi Baptists a special welcome to take part in the spiritual experiences and the recreational opportunities afforded at Gulfshore.

The regular Mississippi Baptist schedule of meetings for this summer are as follows:

First Youth Music Week, June 17-22
This week is under the direction of Dan Hall and is for Intermediates and Young People.

Second Youth Music Week, July 1-6
This week, led by Bryant Cummings, places an emphasis on adults, but is open to young people also. The very

best is provided for age group studies by Sunday School officers and teachers. The registration figure to date is 290.

First Junior Music Week, July 1-6
Mr. Hall is the director for this week which always has a large attendance. This conference is for boys and girls nine through twelve years of age.

Second Junior Music Week, July 15-20
This music week is also led by the State Music Director, Mr. Hall, and is similar to the First Youth Music Week. The faculty is different and some change of emphasis is made but the appeal is to those thirteen years of age and older who enjoy choral work and would like to learn more about it. The registration number is 418.

Second Youth Music Week, July 22-27
This week, directed by Mr. King, is a duplicate of the above week but with a different faculty. This week is filled.

Training Union Week, July 29-August 2
This week, also under the

direction of Mr. King, is a leadership week. Young people are not accepted this week unless they are part of a family group attending.

Courses are provided for all leadership positions offering the church the best in Training Union methods and procedures. Classes are provided for the young people and children who come with parents. Sixty-two have already registered.

Eighth Annual Bible Conference—August 5-9
The Bible Conference is directed by Dr. Chester L. Quarles. This conference centers on Bible teaching, with numerous classes to select from, and on Bible preaching.

Each year some of the very best Bible teachers and speakers in the convention are on the program. A special section is provided for Juniors and Intermediates which features additional recreational opportunities. The present registration is 350.

Second Junior Music Week and Laymen and Leaders Music Week, August 12-17
This week, led by Mr. Hall, actually has two programs.

The Junior section is very much like the earlier Junior week. The second section is a leadership study which offers specialized help to the untrained church musician, the semi-skilled, and the skilled church musician. The registration to date is 215.

August 18-24
This week, but youth groups are welcome to come and provide their own program. We have a number of groups scheduled and the present registration is 270.

August 26-31
This, too, is a week open to youth groups. At the present we have 130 registered.

There are also three weekends during the summer when we will operate. This is due to the fact that the programs of those weeks close on Friday noon rather than the usual closing following Saturday breakfast. The weekends when groups or families are welcome are: June 28-30, August 2-4, August 9-11.

We welcome your inquiries concerning Gulfshore or Camp Kittiwake. A request for registration is 270.

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Assemblies—A Baptist Asset

(AN EDITORIAL)

With this special page, we are featuring the assembly program of Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists, and especially to Gulfshore, the splendid Mississippi Baptist facility at Pass Christian.

Assemblies long ago proved their worth to Southern Baptists, and every year hundreds of thousands of members of the convention's churches, both young and old, find spiritual enrichment at the SBC assemblies.

Mississippi is second to none in providing assembly and camp opportunities for Baptists of all ages. Gulfshore offers splendid conferences all summer long, and is equipped to care for other conferences and special group meetings throughout the year. Garywa, the WMU Camp at Clinton, provides a continuous camping program for the WMU organizations throughout the summer, and also hosts many other special group meetings throughout the year. Kittiwake, also at Pass Christian, now is used for Royal Ambassador Camps through many weeks of the summer, and also provides for other special group meetings, and for overflow from Gulfshore. The Department of Work with National Baptists cooperates with the National Baptist Convention churches in providing a full program at Sophia Sytton Assembly at Prentiss.

Thousands of Mississippians, along with many persons from other states, avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by these programs each year. Hundreds of others make their way to Ridgecrest, North Carolina, or Glorieta, New Mexico, for the SBC assemblies there.

Attendance at a conference or camp program brings rich blessing to all who participate. It is hoped that more Mississippians than ever before will attend one or more of the conferences planned for this year.

Gulfshore

On the gulf of Mississippi
Where the water touches sand;
'Neath the towering oaks and pine trees,
In the best state in the land
Is a hallowed spot for Baptists;
It's a beautiful place to see,
And when summer's sun starts shining,
It's the place you ought to be.

There is time for recreation
And there's time for singing, too.
There is time to form new friendships
And old friendships there renew.
In the midst of fun and frolic
There's a greater purpose seen;
There's a call to be more faithful
In the Service of the King.

Gulfshore is a place where lasting
Christian friendships may be born
Mar'vous memories created
And life's purposes transformed.
Gulfshore is a spirit of growing
Dearer to our hearts each day
And where Mississippi Baptists
Year by year will find their way.
—Kermit S. King

and their leaders and sponsors. Attention is given to courses of study which would help acquaint the boys and girls to the enjoyment of music as well as the technique of its proper use. The present registration figure is 418.

First Youth Music Week, July 15-20
This popular week is under the supervision of Kermit King. This week, formerly a Training Union Week, now features the absence of promotional matters and deals directly with issues which confront young people. The program centers around worship, Bible study, and conferences. This week is filled.

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What Is A Religious Assembly?

By Chester L. Quarles
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Actually an assembly is many things. It would be difficult to define an assembly in a very few words. But let it be said summarily in the very beginning it is worth the effort and the money. It pays spiritual dividends.

An assembly is a place for fun. This idea always captivates the young people and the boys and girls especially. And that's the way we want it. Our grandfathers and great-grandfathers who began the assembly movement in America recognized they should claim the vacation time of people, see to it that they had a good time in the right manner and also make a great religious impact upon them. We make many provisions at Gulfshore for fun. God put the Bay St. Louis and the Gulf of Mexico there but man

has also built an olympic-sized pool. Soft-ball, tennis, football, golf, fishing, boating, and sailing are just a few of the sports opportunities available.

An assembly is a place for rest. Admittedly most of the boys and girls don't care to avail themselves of rest (at least for the first couple of days of the assembly) but many of the adults do repair to their rooms in the afternoon and get a good nap. One can rest all afternoon if he wants to.

An assembly is a place for fellowship. One can meet many new friends that they will cherish the rest of their lives. Folks speak to each other at Gulfshore. Old timers who have been to the assembly before get to fan the flames of friendship again. Actually some friendships at Gulfshore have developed into "affairs of the heart." And where would there be a place any better suited for courtship.

An assembly is a place for great preaching. The best preachers in Mississippi (not all of them) and the nation are invited to Gulfshore. They leave a spiritual deposit and impact upon the lives of our people that cannot be discounted.

An assembly is a place for learning. The Bible is taught. This is basic, but in addition all of the ministers of our church are strengthened as the assembly-goers sit at the feet of accomplished prepared teachers.

An assembly is a place to meet God. It is ideal for this. Alone or in groups, individuals meet God. Some for the very first time and some have additional encounters with God—the 100th, the 200th or more. A place where one can go to get away for a brief time from the hurry, "hustle and bustle" of this world and to "see God" is a wonderful place. Gulfshore Baptist Assembly is such a place.

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Key Issues Pointed For Convention At Houston

HOUSTON (BP) — A statement concerning the racial crisis in the nation, an unofficial straw vote on changing the name of the nation's largest Protestant denomination, and election of a new president are expected to be major issues to come before the Southern Baptist Convention here June 4-7.

Astro Day Set June 8 For SBC

HOUSTON, Texas — Houston's fabulous Astrodome, the "Eighth Wonder of the World", and ASTROWORLD, the Southwest's largest family amusement park, have proclaimed Saturday, June 8, as "Southern Baptist Day", and have planned a special salute for all conventioners when the Houston Astros host the powerful Pittsburgh Pirates in the world's first and only air-conditioned dome stadium.

"This will be a great tribute to our people and should certainly be one of the highlights of the Houston convention," said Gerald Martin, President of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference. "The Astrodome and ASTROWORLD is the finest entertainment complex in the world and I'm sure all conventioners will have the time of their lives at the complex during their visit to Houston."

The Astros will be playing in the Astrodome on May 31, June 1, and June 2, against the Chicago Cubs, then meet the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals on June 3, 4, 5 and 6 and follow with the Pirates on June 7, 8 and 9.

ASTROWORLD, an elaborate, high-quality amusement park similar to Disneyland, will feature 50 rides and attractions and will be mostly air-conditioned. The admission price, which includes entrance to the park and admission to all the rides and shows, is just \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. There is a dollar reduction 7:00 p.m.

A special section for the June 8 baseball game has (Continued on page 7)

37 Men Ready For Ohio Meet; Others Needed

Thirty-seven Mississippi Baptist men have been committed to participate in the Witnessing Crusade to Ohio June 25-30.

Claude Townsend, Florence, Crusade chairman, said that additional men are needed.

Men interested in participating in the Crusade are asked to contact the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi (Continued on page 6)

ville, Tenn., predicted these and other issues which may come up during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, held at Sam Houston Coliseum here.

A strongly worded statement voicing confession of Southern Baptist failure to deal with the race issue, declaring commitment to defend people against injustice, and appealing to all Southern Baptists to take action will probably be presented to the convention.

The statement was drafted by an informal ad hoc committee of leading Southern Baptist agency executives, and circulated to all executives of Southern Baptist agencies, Baptist state conventions, and editors of Baptist state papers to be presented with their approval to the SBC Executive Committee at its pre-convention meeting here on Tuesday, June 4.

If the Executive Committee approves the statement, it could possibly go as a recommendation to the convention from its Executive Committee.

In what some Baptist leaders have called the strongest statement on race ever to come before the Southern Baptist Convention, the statement condemns racism and racial prejudice and admits a share of the guilt "for the injustice, disorder and wickedness of our land."

Stating that words are not enough, the statement calls for Southern Baptist agencies to set up a task force to deal with "these problems in the most effective manner possible consistent with their program assignments."

It also calls upon Southern Baptist churches, associations and state conventions to join the SBC in "a renewal of Christian effort to meet this national crisis."

Paschall, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, said that he felt the statement reflects the burden of many Southern Baptists at this time in their desire for adoption of a meaningful statement on the part of the convention.

He said that the race issue is almost sure to receive attention. (Continued on page 5)



Sam Houston Coliseum in Houston, Texas where the Southern Baptist Convention will meet June 4-7. (BP Photo)

600 Expected From State

Over 600 Mississippi Baptists are expected to attend the 111th session of the Southern Baptist Convention to be held in Houston, Texas June 4-7.

Over 1000 people from the state will likely go, including families of messengers, joining the expected 25,000 there from every section of the United States and visitors from all over the world.

The convention is scheduled to get underway Tuesday evening at 7:00 in Houston's spacious Sam Houston Coliseum and adjourn Friday night following an address by Evangelist Billy Graham.

The only Mississippian to appear on the program of the convention will be Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Baptist Church of Jackson, who will preach the convention sermon.

He will deliver the message on the opening Tuesday night session at 8:30 o'clock, using as his subject, "Christ, Our Hope."

The convention's Executive Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday prior to the convention opening.

Mississippi members expected to be present are Owen Cooper, Yazoo City; Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg, and T. Cooper Walton, Jackson.

Mississippi members of other committees expected to report include:

Boards, Dr. Joe Cothen, Jackson, and Mr. Walton; Committee on Public Affairs, Dr. Joe Odle, Jackson; State Baptist Papers, Dr. Odle; Committee on North American Baptist Fellowship, Miss Edwina Robinson, Jackson.

Several important related meetings will be held on Monday and Tuesday prior to the convention opening Tuesday night.

The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference will be held in the Coliseum beginning Monday morning and continuing through Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Gerald Martin of Memphis, president of the conference, has announced three Mississippians will appear on program.

Rev. Grant Clark, Corinth, will read the scripture for the Monday afternoon session.

Miss Joan Myers, Miss Mississippi, will speak on the group on the topic entitled (Continued on page 5)

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Statement On Crisis In Nation Set For SBC

Students Plan Demonstration At Convention

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)—A group of Baptist students here who say they are experiencing "a crisis of conscience" over Southern Baptist silence on the crucial issues of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, in what they call a "responsible demonstration."

Expressing concern over the racial crisis, poverty, and the war in Vietnam, the students said they plan to stage "a non-disruptive silent vigil carrying placards," set up a booth to distribute materials and show slides, and have dialogue with convention leaders.

In response, the executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Foy Valentine of Nashville, has set up a dialogue session for the students at 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 3, in the Sky Room of the Convention Center where the SBC will meet.

Valentine said he would invite a number of top SBC leaders. (Continued on page 6)

NASHVILLE (BP) — A strongly worded statement calling for creation of a Baptist task force to deal with the current racial crisis in the nation has been signed by a group of 69 Southern Baptist leaders for presentation to the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, June 4-7.

The statement voices a confession for "our share of responsibility" for the racial crisis, declares commitment to defend all people against injustice, and appeals to all Southern Baptists to take an urgent ministry.

It specifically urges the Southern Baptist Convention and its Executive Committee to create a task force of representatives from concerned SBC agencies "to deal with these problems in the most effective manner possible."

FOUNDATION GETS GIFT OF \$37,500

Rev. H. J. McCool, of Crowley, La., a former Mississippian, has given \$37,500.00 to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, according to Rev. Carey E. Cox, Jackson, the Foundation's executive secretary.

and it calls upon Baptist churches, associations and state conventions to join the SBC in "a renewal of Christian effort to meet this national crisis."

Signed by 69 executives of SBC agencies, state conventions and editors of Baptist state papers, the 1,027 word statement was drafted by an ad hoc committee of top Southern Baptist leaders. It was mailed to the 74 SBC agency heads, state convention executive secretaries, and Baptist state papers editors.

with a request that they sign it and authorize its presentation to the SBC Executive Committee in its pre-convention session.

If the Executive Committee approves the statement on June 4, it could go to the Convention as a recommendation. (Continued on page 6)

Ground Broken At Carey For Science Building

Ground breaking ceremonies at William Carey College were held on May 24, for the new science building. The new addition to the Carey College plant is being financed by funds recently pledged during the \$500,000 Green Science Building Campaign.

According to President J. Ralph Noonkester, the science building will get under way immediately. The two-story structure will actually be an addition to the existing Green Science Hall, but it will be the

rupture the size of the existing building.

The older building will be devoted entirely to chemistry and physics. The new wing will be given to biology of offices, classrooms, and laboratories, and a lecture room on the first floor, mathematics offices and classrooms, a home economics textiles laboratory, a physiology laboratory, and psychology offices, classrooms, and laboratories on the second floor. The basement will be an expansion room for the future.

"This added science facility will enable William Carey College to provide greater service for Hattiesburg and South Mississippi in the technological fields," commented President Noonkester.

The new science wing will be the thirteenth major plant addition to the Carey campus in the past thirteen years—the last two having been the Thomas Fine Arts Building and the new dining room facilities.

Even though space and equipment for Carey's science department has been limited up to this time, it has been one of the most active departments on the campus.

LBJ Sets Prayer Day For Peace

WASHINGTON (BP)—President Lyndon B. Johnson has designated Memorial Day, May 30, as a day of prayer for permanent peace. The designated hour is 11:00 a. m. as a time for people to unite in prayer.

The Congress, by joint resolution of May 11, 1950, has requested the President to proclaim a day of prayer for peace each Memorial Day.

The President urged "all Americans, wherever they (Continued on page 5)

BMC Begins 'Quest For Quality' Drive

Blue Mountain College will recognize outstanding leaders and officially launch its "Quest for Quality" fund-raising drive with the first Quality Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, June 1.

Paul Harvey, noted news commentator and newspaper columnist, will be the keynote speaker.

Harvey is recognized nationwide for his courageous news broadcasts and columns; has been saluted by every major veterans organization; and has been given seven awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for "outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American Way of Life."

He has been awarded eight honorary degrees from colleges throughout the nation.

Dr. Chester Swor, nationally known Baptist youth speaker and prominent Mississippi educator, is chairman of the Quest for Quality endowment drive and will be master of ceremonies at the banquet.

The fund-raising effort was launched by alumni and friends of Blue Mountain College who recognized the crisis facing all private schools and who are determined to help preserve the institutions dedicated to Christian education.

The drive seeks to raise \$825,000 over a five-year period, which culminates with the school's 100th anniversary in 1973.

The Quality Awards Banquet will recognize several outstanding leaders who have made particularly significant contributions in various fields of endeavor. The award will be presented by BMC president E. Harold Fisher (Continued on page 3)

and board of trustees chairman Joe Jack Hurst, of Jackson.

Featured on the program will be music from the Blue Mountain Singers. Co-chairmen of the Quest for Quality campaign are Hayes Callicutt, who will deliver the invocation, and Alex McKeigney, who will introduce Mr. Harvey. Sarah S. Washburn, of Blue Mountain, is secretary of the fund-raising activity.

Serving on the banquet committee in addition to Messrs. Fisher, Callicutt, Hurst, and McKeigney, are G. Edward (Continued on page 3)

HEDERMAN BUILDING DEDICATED

A scientist of national reputation spoke at the dedication of a new science building at Mississippi College May 2 in the presence of a crowd of distinguished participants.

Dr. Lewis Nobles, who becomes president of the college July 1, addressed the audience gathered for ceremonies in which the Hederman Science Hall was formally tendered to President R. A. McLemore by Dr. Tom Hederman, Jr., trustee and representative of the family whose donations made the building possible.

The \$1,100,000 structure is already in use, marking a significant milestone in the progress of the college at Clinton. (Continued on page 3)



Several Mississippians who will appear on the program of the SBC and its related meetings in Houston next week held a brief meeting last Friday at the Baptist Building in Jackson with Dr. Gerald Martin of Memphis, president of the Pastors' Conference. From left: Dr. Martin; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, pastor of First Church, Jackson; actor Tom Lester, of Laurel, and Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record.



Dr. Chester L. Quarles



Talmadge Littlejohn

Blue Mtn. Announces Commencement Speakers

On Sunday, June 2, the 1968 Commencement Exercises will be held at the close of the 95th annual session of Blue Mountain College. During the June Convocation program, 97 candidates will receive degrees and diplomas, a record number of graduates.

The Baccalaureate Service will be held in Lowrey Memorial Church at 11:00 a.m., and the Commencement Program in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium at 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles of Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will preach the Baccalaureate Sermon, and the Honorable Talmadge D. Littlejohn of New Albany, District Attorney for the Third Circuit Court District of Mississippi, will deliver the Baccalaureate Address.

Dr. Quarles is a native of Wiggins. He holds the B.A. degree from Howard College, the Th.M. degree from Southern Seminary, the D.D. degree from Mississippi College, and the Doctor of Humanities degree from Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Jackson.

He has held pastorates in Newton, Alabama; Leland, Mississippi; and Sylacauga, Alabama. In addition to pastoral service, Dr. Quarles served as Training Union Secretary for Alabama; and as Associate Southwide Training

Union Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Since 1950, he has served in his present capacity. He is married to the former Virginia Cooper, whose father, the late Dr. W. R. Cooper, served as pastor of the Lowrey Memorial Church for a number of years. They are the parents of three children.

The Honorable Mr. Littlejohn is a native of New Albany, Mississippi. He holds the B.A. degree from Mississippi College, and is a graduate of the University of Mississippi Law School.

While a law student at the University of Mississippi, Mr. Littlejohn was elected without opposition in 1959, at the age of 23, to the Mississippi House of Representatives.

At the age of 27, Mr. Littlejohn was elected without opposition to the Mississippi State Senate from the 25th Senatorial District (Union and Tiptah Counties).

In 1967, at the age of 31, Mr. Littlejohn was elected District Attorney for the Third Circuit Court District, which is composed of Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Lafayette, Marshall, Tiptah, and Union Counties.

He is a deacon of First Baptist Church, New Albany. Mr. Littlejohn is married to the former Julia Gray of Etta, a graduate of Blue Mountain College. They are the parents of one child.

MISS ROBINSON TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE AT BMC



Miss Edwina Robinson

During Commencement Exercises which bring to a close the 95th annual session of Blue Mountain College and will be held on Sunday, June 2, at 3:00 p.m. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium, Miss Edwina Robinson of Jackson, executive secretary of the State Baptist WMU, will receive the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from the college.

Miss Robinson holds the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor

of Music degrees from Blue Mountain College, and is a graduate of the WMU Training School, now a part of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

She is a native of Magee, the daughter of a Blue Moun-

tain College graduate, and for many years as young people's Secretary and became executive secretary of the WMU in 1944.

She served thirty-four years in State Baptist work, directing, counseling, lecturing, teaching, and traveling hundreds of miles, annually, to promote young people, mission projects; and the Lord's work in general, not only at both Ridgecrest and Gloria Baptist Assemblies, Miss Robinson delivered the opening address of the 1967-68 session at her Alma Mater, Blue Mountain College.

Miss Robinson will receive the honorary H.D. degree at the Convocation in which 97 Blue Mountain graduates will participate.

Southern Baptist leaders of boys' work hold a national Royal Ambassador Congress each five years. This year, the Fourth National Royal Ambassador Congress is Aug. 13-15 in Oklahoma City.

Eb

State Actor Gives Christian Witness

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

It is not a coincidence that Tom Lester is playing the part of Eb in "Green Acres." There are 20,000 members of the Screen Actors' Guild. From these he was chosen, though many of them had had years of experience on Broadway, and he had had no acting experience, and had never been in a play.

"This was not a coincidence," Eb said, his electric blue eyes shooting sparks of enthusiasm and sheer zest for living. "It was the will of God for my life."

"I became a Christian when I was eight years old," he continued. "Soon afterward I knew that God was calling me to an acting career." He said that he felt that he could have more opportunity for Christian witness and Christian influence in that field than in any other, and particularly thought Hollywood would be the place for him, as it does in fact influence the world.

The good-looking young bachelor is now in Mississippi on vacation, and visited last Friday at the new Baptist Building in Jackson. In his three or four months' annual vacation, he always has time to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat W. Lester of Jackson and Laurel. His family lives in Jackson during the week and goes to Laurel on weekends, where they are members of First Baptist Church.

Born in Jackson, he lived most of the time at Bay Springs until he was three, and then in Laurel until 1961. It was in Laurel that he was baptized at First Church when he was eight.

After graduation from high school in Laurel, he attended the University of Mississippi and the University of Southern Mississippi, doing graduate work at the latter. Then for one year he taught high school biology in Purcell, Oklahoma.

When he walked across the stage to receive his high school diploma, his 118 pounds were meagerly distributed over 6 feet 4 inches of bones. His nickname was well deserved. "Skinny," people said over and over, "you'll never become an actor with that frame!" Others said it would be difficult, with his Southern accent. They said it over and over until he almost believed them. The discouragement drove him to search for a way.

He tried to get into medical school. Though he made good grades, and made Dean's List, he could not get into medical school. "It was not God's will for me to be a doctor," Eb says. "He had called me to be an actor."

He tried teaching school for a year, but was not happy. "It was not God's will for me to be a teacher. He had called me to be an actor."

He knew he must try, no matter what people said, so he went to Hollywood. There he talked with Don Knotts of the "Andy Griffith Show," who also is skinny and "country-fried," according to Lester. When he asked Don how he got into show business, Don said, "I figured they needed somebody different, and I was different!" He thought, "If Don can make it, so can I!"

In Beverly Hills, he joined the First Southern Baptist Church. And he began taking drama lessons at night. Through these he had an opportunity to appear in three "showcases" at North Hollywood Play House.

All along, he had had in mind that he would like to be in "Beverly Hillsbillies," as he thought that he and Jethro were similar in type. As it happened, in the third "showcase" in which he appeared, one of the other cast members was Betty Jo, of "Petticoat Junction." He learned that her father was Paul Henning, producer of "Petticoat Junction," "Beverly Hillsbillies," and "Green Acres."

Mr. Henning liked him in the "showcase" and sent him to read for Jay Sommers, who in turn asked him to do a screen test with Eddie Albert. Then he had a job.

"It was not a coincidence, that from all the thousands of people in Hollywood, I should be cast with the daughter of the producer of 'Green Acres,'" he says, with a wide smile. "No, it was not a coincidence. It was God working out his will in my life."

At First Southern Baptist, Beverly Hills, he formerly was Training Union director, is now teacher of a Junior boys' Sunday school class.

He says that his best opportunity to witness is by living a Christian life before others. For instance, he does not drink. If he is offered a drink at a party, then he refuses, and is often asked why he refuses, and thus gains an opportunity to give a Christian witness. "We can let others know what Christ means to us, by showing them through our lives. I think that's what Christianity is all about. If a person is a Christian, he should live like one every day." He will be one of the speakers at the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in Houston in June.

"'Green Acres' is not the most important thing in my life, but Christ is. I am happy not because I am on 'Green Acres,' but because I am doing what God wanted me to do."

REGISTRATION DECISION IN SPAIN

Pastors and other representatives of the Spanish Evangelical Baptist Union met in Valencia, May 23-24, to seek some agreement as to what recommendations should be made to Baptist congregations of Spain relative to registration with the Government. Protestant churches were given until May

passed by the Spanish Cortes on June 28 of last year.

The Spanish Baptist Union voted unanimously in September to recommend to churches and pastors that they abstain from registering.

The Valencia meeting is occasioned by the April 5 release of explanations of how the law will be put into practice.

Representatives of six evangelical groups of Spain which make up the Evangelical Defense Committee met April 30 to examine implications of the law. They agreed that it discriminates against evangelicals and reiterated their hope that additional measures will be taken to guarantee full religious liberty.

They also agreed that regardless of the action which member groups may take in respect to registration, the groups will continue to be fraternally united.

The law passed last June provides that the state will guarantee free worship to officially recognized non-Catholic religious groups. However, recognition can be granted only when these groups organize as "confessional associations" and request registration with the Ministry of Justice. This, Spanish Baptists maintain, "makes religious liberty depend on the administrative practice and discretion of the civil authority." They regard the law's requirements as "incompatible with Baptist doctrinal principles."

Mexico Hospital Is Enlarged

With the opening of a new second floor, the Baptist hospital in Guadalajara, Mexico, has grown from 46 to 100 beds, reports Rev. Michael J. Ledbetter, Southern Baptist missionary who is to assume the chaplaincy of the hospital.



Several leaders at open house at Hederman Science Building dedication are seen, from left: President R. A. McLemore, Dr. Tom Hederman, Jr., who presented the building named for his father and uncle, representing the family; Henry Hederman, Dr. Chester Swor, Robert M. Hederman, Jr., Zachary Hederman and Dr. Lewis Nobles, principal speaker and president-elect of Miss. College.

Hederman Building Dedicated

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Dr. Nobles, present dean of the graduate school at Ole Miss spoke on "Science and Humanities—Unity in Diversity."

In presenting the building to the president, Mr. Hederman emphasized the fact that the event was indeed a most happy one because of the attainments of the college faculty and students in fields of science in the past and he spoke of strong confidence in the future, aided by the new building, a confidence that is shared by so many friends and supporters of the institution.

President McLemore thanked the members of the Hederman family present,

and spoke of the interest in the college maintained by three generations of the family.

Dr. Howard Spell, academic dean of the college, gave the invocation, and Dr. A. E. Wood, emeritus professor of chemistry, welcomed the audience to the occasion.

Dr. Chester Swor, an alumnus and former faculty member, closed the program with the benediction, which was followed by a reception and open house for over two hours into the afternoon.

The program was started with selections by the MC vocal-instrumental ensemble under direction of Dr. Jack Lyall.

Hederman Science Building is named for R. M. Hederman, Sr., and T. M. Hederman, Sr., both deceased. Mrs. T. M. Hederman, Sr., was present Thursday, but Mrs. R. M. Hederman was unable to be present.

Open house visitors saw the four-floor building with over 48,000 square feet of floor space, with modern equipment and visited the mathematics areas in first floor quarters, along with laboratories for histology and botany. On the second floor are biological sciences, the third floor is divided between physics and general chemistry, and the top floor houses organic chemistry, advanced physical chemistry, science library, etc.

Musical Concerts, Soloists, Choirs Set For Lay Meet

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (BP) — The Pan American Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Congress meeting here July 15-21 will feature international and inter-racial music presentations, the chairman of the congress, Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., has announced.

Sacred concerts will be featured each evening by Robert Bradley, music director for the National (Negro) Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., on Monday; by a Negro choir from Mississippi on Tuesday; by Irene Jordan, Metropolitan Opera soloist on Wednesday; and by Russell Newport, soloist from Springfield, Mo., on Thursday night.

The international music program will also feature a choir from Brazil, a missionary and national from Argentina, a youth choir from First Baptist Church in Minden, La., (U.S.A.), a soloist from Brazil, the daughter of former Baptist World Alliance President John Soren of Rio de Janeiro, Claude Rhea, music consultant from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and others.

Directing the congregational singing will be Bill Ichter, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil who wrote the theme song for the Crusade of the Americas, "Christ the Only Hope."

The Pan American Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Congress is being held in connection with the Crusade of the Americas in an effort to spark lay involvement in the crusade. About 750 Baptist laymen from North, Central and South America are expected to attend.

BH TOPICS FOR JUNE

Dr. J. P. Allen, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, will deliver the first seven sermons of THE BAPTIST HOUR summer series. The sermon topics are:

June 2 — "Tomorrow Is A Dangerous Word"; June 9 — "The Next To The Last Straw"; June 16 — "The Captain Of The Ship"; June 23 — "Spending Heavenly Treasure"; June 30 — "How Much Can You Hear?"; July 7 — "Religion In An Irreligious World"; July 14 — "The Christ Of Every Experience".

Dr. Allen is serving as summer replacement for the regular BAPTIST HOUR preacher, Dr. Herschel Hobbs, pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City.



Paul Harvey

BMC Beging

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Ludlow, co-chairman for the year, and Dr. William Washburn, Arkansas, and Dr. J. L. Taylor, Missouri, are also on the program.

Two Sons Of 1st, Canton, Elected BSU Presidents For Next Year

Two young men who grew up in First Church, Canton have been elected on their respective campuses to the honored office of Baptist Student Union President.

Sidney Runnels, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Runnels, of Canton, was elected BSU President at Holmes Junior College. Sidney has been active in the youth activities of First Church in years gone by.

Bill Sims, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sims of Canton, was elected BSU president at Mississippi College. Besides being active in the youth activities of his home church during his high school years, Bill served last summer and is serving again this summer as a summer mission worker in California.

Rev. J. L. Taylor is pastor at Canton, First.



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Receive Doctorates At MC

An Air Force chaplain, a long-time educator, and a Baptist minister received honorary degrees during its 142nd commencement exercises on Sunday, May 26.

Recipients of the honorary awards were Brigadier General William L. Clark, Deputy Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Air Force; E. Ray Izard of Hazlehurst, former superintendent of education in Copiah County; and Rev. Bill Causey, pastor

of the Parkway Baptist Church in Jackson.

General Clark and Mr. Causey received the doctor of divinity degree, while Mr. Izard was honored with the doctor of laws degree.

All three gentlemen are graduates of Mississippi College, have pursued advanced degrees, and have won recognition for themselves in their respective fields.



Rev. H. J. McCool (center) hands securities valued at \$37,500 to Rev. Carey E. Cox, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, (right) as Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, former Foundation secretary, retired, and life-long friend of Mr. McCool, looks on.

The Baptist Record

Largest Circulation of Any Newspaper
Of Any Kind In Mississippi
JOE T. ODLIE, Editor

SBC, Houston

The Southern Baptist Convention session in Houston next week, may well be one of the largest in the convention's history, since it is meeting in an area of heavy Baptist concentration, and also since several major issues will be considered. Hundreds of Mississippians are expected to attend.

Among the matters which the messengers will consider will be the largest mission budget ever adopted, the election of a new president, a resolution concerning the racial crisis, a straw vote concerning changing the convention name, and a constitutional amendment concerning membership on boards.

The convention also will give major emphasis to the Crusade of the Americas which will come to its climax in 1969. Billy Graham will speak at the closing session.

The racial crisis resolution which was signed by a group of SBC and state leaders already has been released to the press, and is published in full in a news story in this issue of the Baptist Record. No Mississippian signed this resolution. While there may be some changes in the wording, it is probable that this resolution or one similar to it, may be adopted. The proposal is expected to precipitate some sharp debate, because of some of its wording, but it is evident from reports coming from across the convention, that there is a widespread determination to speak on this issue at this time. Mississippians and others who disagree with some of the things which it says, must remember that the convention resolutions or actions are not binding upon a single church. The messengers speak only for themselves, and there will not be a unanimous voice on this issue.

The straw-vote concerning changing the name of the convention, is for the purpose of helping the Executive Committee ascertain the thinking of a cross-section of Southern Baptists on the matter. There has been much discussion pro and con on the issue, and the Executive Committee was assigned the task of making a depth study concerning it. This straw vote will not be binding on the Committee, and certainly there will be no name change at this session. Actually, we predict that the straw vote will favor retaining

the present name.

The constitutional amendment is concerning representation on Boards. Last year a motion was made which would have prevented any employee of the SBC, a state convention, or any of their institutions, from serving on any SBC board. This was referred to the Executive Committee, and that committee is bringing a recommendation which says such individuals cannot serve on the boards if there is a conflict of interest. It is reported that there will be an effort to amend this recommendation so that the original limitation would be approved.

As always, the election of a new president, will create much interest. This occurs every two years, since it has been the custom for several years to re-elect a man for a second term. Individuals mentioned in the denominational press thus far as men to be nominated are Owen Cooper of Mississippi, W. A. Criswell of Texas, and Gerald Martin of Tennessee. Cooper, of course, is a layman, and since the convention turns to a layman for leadership every few years, there is a good chance that he will be chosen. He was runner-up in the election in Detroit two years ago, and is widely known across the convention. Moreover, his position as vice-chairman of the Central Coordinating Committee, and chairman of the Committee on Lay Involvement for the Crusade of the Americas, makes this a propitious time for his being chosen.

Dr. Criswell is pastor of First Church, Dallas, and is one of the best known preachers in the entire convention. Heretofore, he always has withdrawn his name, when someone nominated him for president of the convention, but the rumor is that he will allow himself to be voted on this year. Dr. Gerald Martin is president of the Pastor's Conference which meets just prior to the Convention, and in a few cases in times past the president of the conference has been chosen as convention president. Most certainly there will be other men nominated for the position, in addition to these three, but we predict that either Mr. Cooper or Dr. Criswell will be elected.

The adopting of the budget ordinarily is a routine action, even though it is one of the largest mission budgets adopted by any religious group in the world.

There will be other items of significant interest during the convention, and there will be a few dull moments. Since full debate is allowed on any issue which comes before the messengers, and since some of the expected proposals, are divisive, this promises to be a very lively session.

Every church in the state, which can possibly do so, should send its pastor and his wife to the convention, and also encourage others to attend. Mississippi needs to be well represented in this meeting.

This Bill Should Be Defeated!

It is possible that this editorial will appear after its purpose already has been accomplished. We certainly hope so! However, in the event that it still is needed, we are writing.

The gamblers are trying to slip back into Mississippi. They have been run out of the state through the enforcement activities of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, under the legalization of liquor in the state, with the cooperation of certain local law enforcement officers.

We did not favor the legalization of liquor, but since it was voted upon us, we most certainly approved of the enforcement powers which were given to the ABC Board. They were given authority to control gambling and other vices as well.

Now a move is on to destroy that power by stripping the ABC Board of control of anything other than actual liquor sales. This is being done through Senate Bill 2091.

According to Circuit Judge Darwin Maples "There are misguided persons who advocate abolishing (the ABC) authority to enforce the gambling laws of this state. This would be an open invitation for the Mafia to move in."

We are reliably informed that representatives of organized gambling have been active in the state, seeking to secure passage of the bill. This means that Mississippians must become active too, if they are to protect themselves from the "mob." We do not need the Mafia in Mississippi.

Right thinking Mississippians do not want enforcement powers which are effective to be taken from any law enforcement agency. The Jackson Daily News expressed editorial opposition to the proposed bill last Thursday.

It is possible that the bill already has been handled by the Senate and has been killed. If it has not yet come before the Senate, Christian leaders and other citizens everywhere in the state, need to contact their Senators now, urging defeat of the bill. In the event that it has been passed, then Representatives should be contacted, and the Governor.

This bill should be defeated. When liquor was legalized the people of state were promised that gambling and other vices, would be controlled. The ABC Board and many local law enforcement groups have done a good job in doing this, and they should not have their authority to continue doing it taken away.

Let every citizen in the state be alert. Let's make our voice clearly heard that we do not want the Mafia or other mobs loosed on the state of Mississippi!



The Teen-Ager

"All problems of school financing, staffing, housing, and organizing are secondary to the problems of that boy smoldering in the back of the room who cannot read, or the bright girl in the front row who holds him in contempt," says Dean Dwight Allen of the University of Massachusetts, in an NEA book entitled "Youth Education: Problems, Perspectives, Promises."

He reiterates the theory many educators are expressing today: Education must be judged on how much good it does for the individual, not the masses.

To an extent all teen-agers are "that boy in the back of the room." Each must be treated as an individual rather than a part of a whole, rather than the "norm" or the "average."

Another contributor to this volume sees the adolescent emerging from a relatively secure childhood and suddenly catapulted into an adult world where he is expected to conform. Not only has he not acquired the protective coating of wisdom, patience, and understanding of himself, his peers, or the adult world, he is additionally crippled by the sudden overnight growth of his mental, social, psychological, physical, and sexual powers. The schools do not create this teen-age turmoil, but educators are in a position to help to guide these youngsters through their difficult metamorphosis into adulthood.

Dr. Sidney Rollins of Rhode Island College lists four major problems relating to educating the adolescent: (1) self-understanding; (2) developing new ways of relating to others; (3) teacher-student relationships; (4) the teaching-learning situation.

Above all, education must develop in the adolescent a sense of relevance. Then, it can hold for him a sense of importance—of immediacy—of excitement.

Cigarette smoking is responsible for 7 million cases of chronic illness in the U. S. each year. It is also responsible for 77 million days lost from work, and 306 million days of restricted activity each year, and is claiming a life every 105 seconds in our country.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

June 3 — Wm. Bryce Evans, Clarke College faculty; Glen Williams, Warren association Sunday school supt.
June 4 — James Walker Christian Action Commission; Mrs. Joe Barber, Jr., WMU vice - president, District IV.

June 5 — Mrs. Doris Bryant, medical-surgical instructor, Gilfof School of Nursing; Gail Elrod, BSU director, MSCW.

June 6 — Braxton C. Rockwell, Jackson County T. U. director; Charles Everitt, Lamar-Pearl River supt. of missions.

June 7 — Mrs. Betty Barham, Baptist Building; Mike Nowell, Baptist Building; Jack Roberts, Baptist Building.

June 8 — Mrs. Georgiann Holliman, Wm. Carey College faculty; Mrs. Margaret Lowrey, Blue Mountain College faculty.

June 9 — Ruth B. Parker, Baptist Book Store; Everette C. Reaves, staff, Children's Village; L. D. Jayroe, faculty, Mississippi College.

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Dobbins Writes "Learning To Lead"

By Clifton J. Allen
in Baptist World

Gaines S. Dobbins, formerly chairman of the Commission on Christian Teaching and Training and now retired and living in Birmingham, Alabama, U.S.A., continues his creative and influential ministry with a new book—*Learning to Lead*, recently released by Broadman Press. This book, added to a long list by this distinguished seminary professor and denominational leader, deals with a need in churches that underlies all other needs, namely, willing, dependable, and responsible leadership.

Dr. Dobbins himself says of the volume: "It is a book more of principles than methods, although efficient ways of leading are indicated. Its basic assumption is that in almost every church or organization there are present and prospective leaders sufficient to insure success, provided they can be discovered, enlisted, motivated, developed, and guided."

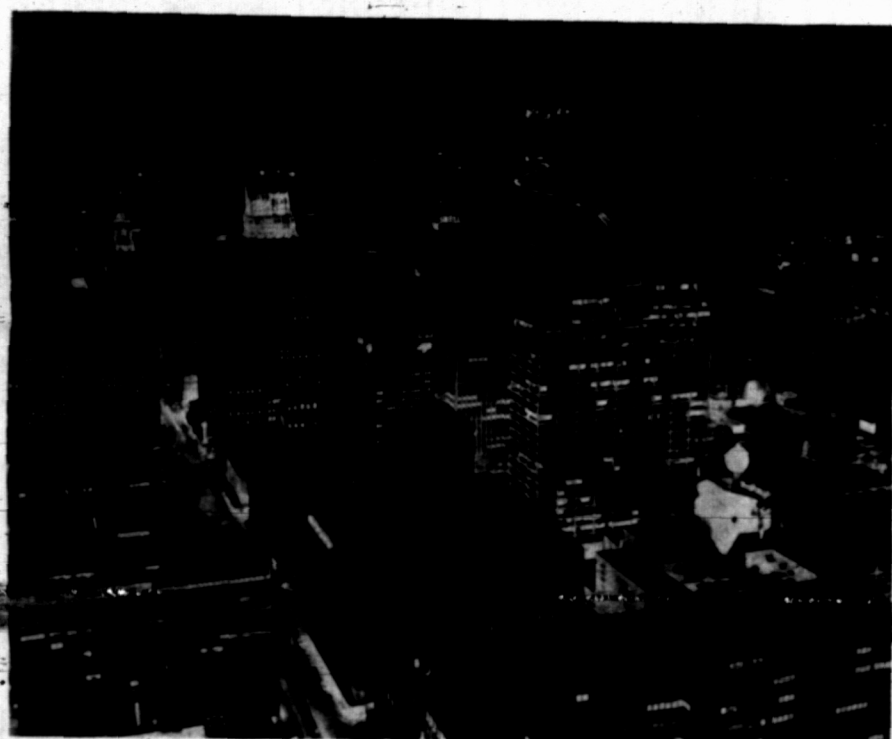
Also, "There are qualities to be acquired through processes of learning and experience . . . The price must be paid if the rewards are to be claimed."

Of the many rewards, Dr. Dobbins says, "Measureless is the satisfaction of appreciation and gratitude. To have someone say sincerely, 'I appreciate what you are doing' or 'You have helped me and I thank you' makes the effort worth all that it costs—and more."

There are thousands of persons around the world who would say these words with deepest sincerity to Gaines S. Dobbins. He has helped us to a degree beyond our knowing. He has been a leader who paid the price of disciplined study, tireless work, masterful skill, and self-giving love. How great our gratitude! And we hope his heart is full with satisfaction in seeing the results of his leadership.

Learning to Lead is worth far more than the \$1.95 it costs. It could — if taken seriously — transform leaders and churches.

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in your temperance self-control, diligence, strength of will, content, and a hundred other virtues which the idle never know.—Charles Kingsley



HOUSTON AT NIGHT sends slivers of light skyward from numerous skyscrapers and downtown buildings. (BP) Photo

Newest In Books

MAKING THE MOST OF FAMILY WORSHIP by David and Virginia Edens (Broadman, 114 pp., \$1.50, Broadman Readers' Plan Book).

Designed to assist in family worship, this book considers all the normally encountered types of family worship situations. Part One deals with the why and how of family worship. Part Two contains fifty devotions that can be used in family worship. A home dedication form and a list of other resource materials are also included. Dr. Edens is director, Marriage and Family Program, Stephens College, Columbia, Mo. Mrs. Edens is also co-author, with Dr. Edens, of *WHY GOD GAVE CHILDREN PARENTS*.

THE REAL AND ONLY LIFE by Nancy Peerman, with foreword by Keith Miller (Word Books, 102 pp., \$3.95).

This is the story of a young wife and mother who lived the life of the elegant hostess and the superficial socialite, often bolstered by tranquilizers and highballs. It is the story of her search for herself and for reality, and how she found both. Keith Miller says, "This is an authentic Christian witness and I believe it will help thousands of people to find new direction toward a life that is 'really real.'"

LETTERS TO PHILIP: ON HOW TO TREAT A WOMAN by Charlie W. Shedd (Doubleday, 131 pp., \$3.95).

When his daughter got mar-

ried, Dr. Shedd, Presbyterian preacher, wrote her letters of advice on how to treat a husband. He published the letters under the title, "Letters to Karen." Then his son, Philip, was about to be married; he requested some advice also. This book is the result. Some men "give about as much thought to getting a marriage license as they would to buying a fishing license. But, as this book demonstrates with wit and wonderful common sense, there's a lot more to the art of being a good husband than there is to 'angling.'" The importance of tact, what to say or do in difficult situations, how to turn a complaint into a compliment, how to deal with in-laws — these are just a few of the tips presented. The guidance is sound and is reinforced with examples from the author's own experience.

A Layman's Guide to Protestant Theology by William E. Hordern (MacMillan, 263 pp., \$6.95).

Revised edition of a book first published in 1955. This book is exactly what its title says. Here are chapters on almost every general division of modern Protestant theology, written in language that a layman can understand. There are chapters on Orthodoxy, Fundamentalism and Conservative Christianity; Liberalism; Neo-Orthodoxy, etc. There are chapters on leaders

of modern schools of theological thinking such as Barth, Tillich, etc. He includes discussion of the "God is Dead" movement. Closing chapters discuss the direction theology is moving, and some conclusions on theological differences. This will be a valuable book for both laymen and preachers.

The Secularization of Christianity by E. L. Mascall (Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 284 pp., \$6.00).

A study of modern efforts to secularize Christianity. The author answers such theological moves as "God is Dead" which are trying to change Christianity and other theological thought similar to that. The author believes that Christianity should change the world, rather than allow the world to change it. This is a serious theological study, but presents a strong defense against some modern theology.

The Ecumenical Revolution by Robert McAfee Brown (Doubleday, 388 pp., \$5.95).

The sub-heading says "An Interpretation of the Catholic-Protestant Dialogue. Deals with both the Protestant unity movements and the Roman Catholic unity moves in and since the recent Vatican Council. Their books trace the history of these movements, and then interpret their meaning to modern Christianity."

The Baptist Forum

What Is The Reply To The "Cutting Edge?"

In a recent letter to the S. B. C. Executive Committee, the editor of the *Baptist Record*, J. Marse Grant urged the Committee to be "on the cutting edge" in dealing with racial matters.

It is my deep and sincere conviction that this "cutting edge" has been used for several years now by the Christian Life Commission to disturb and harass Southern Baptists.

Ever and anon we are urged to turn aside from the thing that has made Southern Bapt-

tists great, and squander our energy, as well as our unity, in trying to correct imaginary inequities among our colored brethren.

Southern Baptists have hitherto believed and still believe that our task is winning the lost to Christ, and preaching Christ to the saved. Our belief is that Christ in the heart will give direction to a life regarding family, society, and government. We need not give aid and comfort to a political (octopus) movement that is taking from us all the freedoms that we have enjoyed since the formation of our union. To go on the "cutting edge" as Editor Grant wishes would be spreading more propaganda in all of our Southern Baptist periodicals, assemblies, and what have you, to widen the gulf between liberal and conservative Southern Baptists. We do not need more dissension and division. We need unity and harmony.

Grant speaks of a "climate" in the South that is not a credit to the Southern Baptist Convention. Any such "climate" has not been created by Southern Baptists, but by agitators and promoters of racial integration. True Southerners know that racial integration will destroy everything that we cherish. If we are wise, we will reject Editor Grant's appeal.

A. A. Kitchings
Clinton, Miss.

3 From State Graduate From Luther Rice

Forty theological students of the Luther Rice Seminary graduated Friday night May 10, at 7:30 p. m. at Central Church, Jacksonville, Florida.

The commencement address was given by Rev. Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention.

The degrees were conferred by Dr. Robert G. Witty, chairman of the Seminary's board of trustees and pastor of Central, assisted by Dr. H. Fred Williams, Seminary vice president.

The graduating class represented twelve states. The graduates from Mississippi and their degrees are as follows:

Melvin Leroy Worthington, pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Amory, Bachelor of Theology; Billy Earl Burney, pastor, First Church, Boyle, Bachelor of Divinity; Robert Haynes Perry, pastor, New Palestine Church, Picayune, Master of Theology.

OIL PAINTING PRESENTED TO IST, SHELBY

First Church, Shelby celebrated 75th Anniversary on May 12. Platform guests included Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, President of New Orleans Seminary and Owen Farrell Gregory, President of the Gregory Manufacturing Company in Jackson. Mr. Gregory is a deacon of First Church, Jackson. Both Dr. Eddleman and Mr. Gregory are sons of two former pastors of the Shelby Church. Mr. Gregory's father, the late L. F. Gregory, served the church from 1913 to 1915. R. A. Eddleman, retired minister now living in Clinton, pastored the church from 1915 to 1917.

Mr. Gregory presented to the church a beautiful oil painting of the first church building which was constructed 1895, in memory of his father. Since there is no picture of what the first church building looked like, sketches were made from memory by Mr. Gregory. His daughter, Mrs. Rob Sugg (Nan), a professional artist, and a mission volunteer along with her husband are students at New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Sugg painted the portrait, which was acclaimed by members of the Shelby Church, who could remember the building, as perfect in detail.

Dr. Eddleman brought a challenging message from Hebrews 12:1-2.

Fifteen minutes before the church service began a special church directory, which had been prepared to help celebrate the 75th Anniversary, arrived.

Rev. Allen Harrod is pastor.

Key Issues Pointed For Convention At Houston

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tention at the convention, for it is the burning issue of our time.

Paschall pointed out that the agenda planned by the convention's committee on order of business provides for 4½ hours of miscellaneous business. "This was an effort on the part of the committee and convention officers to respond to the desire of the messengers to debate the issues," he said.

For the first time, the convention will have an opportunity to express itself concerning the possibility of changing the name of the convention, even though the unofficial poll will not be binding.

Rather the straw vote will give the SBC Executive Committee guidance and information concerning three possible names which have been proposed during the Executive Committee's three-year study of the question. The names up for a tally are United Baptist Convention, Baptist General Convention, and Southern Baptist Convention.

Election of a new president of the 11-million member convention, and consideration of a record \$27.6 million proposed budget for 1969 will also be major items of business.

The proposed budget of \$27.6 million would be an increase of about \$900,000 over the record 1968 budget.

\$27.6 Million Budget
In addition to the \$27.6 million operating budget, a \$5 million capital needs budget for the five-year period from 1969-73 will be recommended by the Executive Committee.

Another recommendation from the Executive Committee which might spark discussion or debate is consideration of a "conflict of interest" clause as an amendment to the SBC bylaws which would prevent any person who receives funds directly or indirectly from a SBC agency from serving on that agency's board of trustees.

The Executive Committee is expected to make 20 or more recommendations to the convention, most dealing with technical business matters.

Several constitutional or by-law changes will be presented, some of them for second and final approval, calling for four-year terms and a rotation system on the boards of trustees for Baptist agencies and institutions.

Other recommendations expected to come from the Executive Committee include: a charter for the Christian Life Commission incorporating it under Tennessee laws; a procedure for appointment of a credentials committee; a fixed item of business on the convention agenda for the SBC president's address; editorial changes in the constitution of second reading; selection of Portland, Oregon, as the site for the 1973 convention, slated June 11-15, technical or structural changes in the program statements for Southern Baptist Hospitals and the SBC Sunday School Board; a convention operating budget of \$535,000, a plan for planning SBC emphases

for 1974-80; a planning system for observance of the convention's 125 anniversary in 1970; and technical and financial aspects concerning operating reserves and transfer of capital needs funds for specific SBC agencies.

Under the proposed agenda for the convention, each convention agency making an annual report will be required to devote one-third of its report time to operate discussion and questions from the floor concerning its operations.

Paschall said this requirement, plus the 4½ hours of miscellaneous business during the convention, would make the convention "interesting and dynamic" as it deals with the issues and business before the denomination. "Nothing makes a better Baptist meeting than lively debate and discussion," he said.

A resolution reaffirming the separation of church and state as "a fundamental principle of Baptist belief and practice" will be presented for consideration by the Convention.

The statement was released by Louie D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta and president of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Among the other co-signers with Newton were four others who also are former SBC presidents, including J. D. Grey of New Orleans, J. W. Storer of Nashville, C. C. Warren of Charlotte and Herschell H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City.

Following is the complete text of the resolution:

"Whereas, the doctrine of soul liberty is basic to Baptist beliefs, its corollary being the doctrine of a free church in a free state, and

"Whereas, the Southern Baptist Convention has again and again expressed itself for separation of church and state, and

"Whereas, some Baptist institutions, including churches, find themselves in the peculiar position of being urged to accept federal gifts for their operations and programs, with the very lives of some of these institutions seeming to depend on such acceptance,

"Whereas, our stand must be taken between accepting tax monies to meet these extreme needs on the one hand and our basic principles on the other,

"Therefore, be it resolved, That, with slight alterations, we reaffirm the resolution offered by W. L. Pickett of Georgia 55 years ago (1913), and reaffirmed in principle repeatedly since that time, namely,

"Whereas the separation of church and state has ever been and is now a fundamental principle of Baptist belief and practice; and

"Whereas in many places there are efforts being made to divert state, municipal (and federal) funds to the maintenance of certain religious schools and other institutions;

"Therefore, be it resolved that the Southern Baptist Convention reaffirms its un-

alterable belief in the separation of church and state, and hereby expresses its sympathy with all who are having to fight efforts of any who would try to violate this principle."

Other cosigners include C. Roy Angell of Miami; J. W. Dawson of Corsicana, Tex.; Earl Guinn of Pineville, La.; Earl Harding of Jefferson City, Mo.; John J. Hurt of Dallas; E. S. James of Denton, Tex.; Norris Palmer of Baton Rouge; Mrs. Robert Fling of New York; John Barnes of Hattiesburg, Miss.; H. C. Chiles of Kentucky; Jack U. Harwell of Atlanta; Joe Tuten of Jackson, Miss.; Jaroy Webber of Mobile, Ala.; Lucius Polhill of Richmond, Va.; Archie Ellis of Columbia, S. C.; and W. O. Vaughn of Little Rock, Ark.

600 Expected

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"Preaching Persuaded Me" during the Monday night session.

Taking part in a symposium on Baptist distinctives, Dr. Odle will discuss "Free Denominations" on Tuesday morning.

Former residents of Mississippi listed as program personnel include actor Tom Lester, from Laurel, who plays Eb in the television series "Green Acres."

Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will meet Monday morning through Tuesday afternoon in Civic Center Music Hall.

Tucker Bonner, a Mississippian, now student at Houston Baptist College, will be organizer.

Mrs. W. E. Hannah, Clinton, state WMU president, is by virtue of her office a vice-president of the Southern WMU.

The Southern Baptist Music Conference will be held at South Main Baptist Church Monday morning through Tuesday afternoon.

Mississippians to appear on program will be Dr. Donald Winters and Professor James O. Downey, both of music faculty of William Carey College, Hattiesburg.

Dr. Winters is also president of the conference.

The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association will meet Monday afternoon through Tuesday afternoon.

Gulfshore Ready

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ervations should include \$2.00 a person for each person nine and older, (\$5.00 for those under nine), the week you wish to attend, the type space you wish, and the name, age, and sex of each person. Registration fees are refunded if we cannot provide space or if you cancel more than thirty (30) days before the scheduled meeting.

Gulfshore is usually thought of as a summer camp, and yet we are open the year round. All the buildings are soundly constructed and well heated so that there is no problem in living on the campus during winter and spring months.

Each year we have an increasing number who use our facilities during the off-season. In 1967 we had over 2600 people who attended Gulfshore during our off-season. Almost 1000 of this number attended meetings which were conducted by the Student Department and the Woman's Missionary Union.

Some 23 different groups were responsible for the 1600 people, which would make the average size almost 70. Many of the groups were no larger than 30 people.

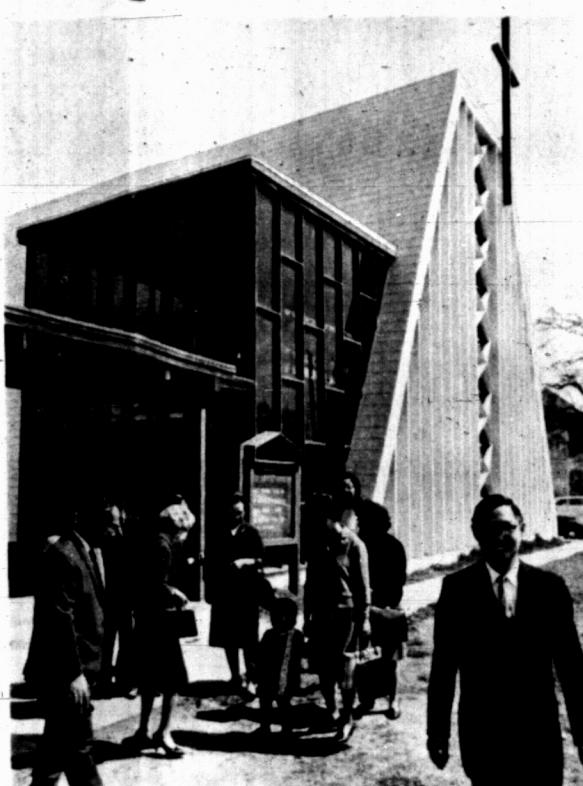
When our groups are less than 100 in size we do not have Morrison do our cooking as the cost would be prohibitive.

We have our own cook and for small groups we take care of the food service as well as the living quarters.

Each group is responsible for its own program, but our entire facilities are at the disposal of a small group just as they are for a large group.

Within a few years we should reach our capacity in summer attendance, and any

Baptist Missions In Houston, Texas



PASTOR LOK-TIN CHEUNG, far right, and part of the congregation, in front of the Chinese Baptist Church, Houston, Texas. The pastor and his wife are products of Southern Baptist missions in China. They now serve as missionaries with the Home Mission Board, SBC. The Board assisted this church in the beginning, but it is now self-supporting. They have bilingual services. Their beautiful church is of oriental design. (Home Board Photo)



MISSIONARY FIDEL GUZMAN reading Scripture to a rural Latin American family near Sugarland, Texas, just outside of Houston. (Home Board Photo)



THE BAPTIST MISSION CENTER, HOUSTON. More than 1,000 Latin Americans have been enrolled in the two centers in Houston under Miss Mildred McWhorter's direction. (Home Board Photo)



JOY FELLOWSHIP CENTER, HOUSTON. Miss Mildred McWhorter, director, instructs women attending the Mothers' Club in the use of the sewing machine. The Center has a library including many books for children, and holds Bible study classes for teenagers. (Home Board Photo)



MISSIONARY FIDEL GUZMAN discussing mission activities with two Latin American Baptist laymen, Alfredo Derrones and Ruben Martinez. (Home Board Photo)

Gulfshore From The Beginning

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possibly \$15,000, in order to make the total on the lots reach \$450,500, and pass the Baptists. It looked as if the individual bidders had won.

The government wanted time to consider before they announced the winner.

Late in December the government asked Dr. Quarles if he would like to amend the Baptists' bid, and grant the government an additional thirty days for decision.

He said yes. He was allowed to revise the bid upward to \$455,000. Evidently the other bidders did not want to extend their bids or the time. No bidder knew what the other bidders were doing.

On January 26, 1959, Dr. Quarles received a letter, stating, "We are pleased to advise that your offer of \$455,000 to purchase the former Maritime Academy, Pass Christian, Mississippi, has been accepted by the Government."

Purchasers would be allowed ten years to pay the price.

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order to devote full time to his work as Mississippi representative for the Annuity Board.

A. L. Nelson, Convention Board business manager, was elected director of assemblies, effective November 1, 1960.

By 1961 the assembly could provide sleeping and eating facilities and accommodations for 550 people.

The first of March, 1965, a new era began in the development of Gulfshore with the coming of W. Tom Douglas as the first full-time assemblies manager. He had served the summer before on a part-time basis, but now gave up his duties as associate in the state Sunday School Department to become full-time director of the assembly.

Hurricane Betsy hit Gulfshore with a terrific blow, on September 9, 1965, when she swept across the Gulf with little warning.

Dr. Odle wrote in the Baptist Record, "... it was hard to believe one storm could do so much damage. Yet in our hearts we knew a storm could not kill Gulfshore."

The Convention Board on Monday, September 27, gave authority for "borrowing" of funds to restore Gulfshore. To be repaid from capital needs funds of the Cooperative Program.

Gulfshore was again ready for use, in time for the State Evangelistic Conference February 7-9, 1966.

All buildings are now air-conditioned in the summer and well heated in the winter. Last year attendance at Gulfshore was over ten thousand.

Many Mississippi Baptists would agree with Anita Lazenby, former assembly staffer, "Many things add up to the term, 'Gulfshore,' and all of them mean very much to me."

John W. Raley, Pioneer Oklahoma Educator, Dies

SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP) — John Wesley Raley, president emeritus of Oklahoma Baptist University here, and pioneer Oklahoma educator, died here Sunday, May 19 of a heart attack following recovery from massive abdominal surgery this spring.

Funeral services were slated for Dr. Raley at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 21, at the Oklahoma Baptist University chapel named in his honor. He was 65 years of age.

He was president of the Baptist school here for 27 years, resigning in 1961 because of ill health, to become chancellor. He was named president emeritus in 1965. At the time of his retirement, his tenure was the longest of any college president in Oklahoma or the Southern Baptist Convention.

growth will have to be in the number of our off-season groups. We would like for the churches to know that they do not have to have a large group to come to the assembly for a retreat.

We have printed material showing what facilities we have and what the cost would be for your group. We welcome your inquiries.

ATTENTION Junior-Intermediate Workers

Rev. Bill Crosby Now Recovered

The many friends of Rev. Bill Crosby experienced great distress a few months ago when adverse health conditions necessitated his resignation as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Gainesville, Florida and his open-heart surgery in Houston, Texas.

Surely, the many prayers for Brother Crosby were answered as the blessings of God joined with the medical skill employed resulted in his total recovery. Brother Crosby has been declared by his doctor as totally well and is now residing at 4281 N. Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806.

This report is specifically to let the many friends know of his complete recovery and of the fact that he is now ready to resume pastoral responsibilities. Brother Crosby is a native Mississippian and a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. —Carey Cox

Two outstanding workers have been enlisted to lead conferences for Junior and Intermediate leaders during Training Union week at Gulfshore, July 29 - August 2.



Mrs. Earl Bailey of Lakeland, Florida, will teach Intermediate workers.

Mrs. Dortha Hammatt, approved Junior worker with the Tennessee Training Union department and a frequent writer for the Training Union Magazine, will be teaching the Junior workers.

Write for your reservation to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Mississippi.

LBJ Sets Prayer

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may be on this designated day to join their prayers to the almighty to bestow upon this nation the blessing of peace restored, and lasting among all the nations of the world."

The flag of the United States will be flown at half-staff during the entire day. The President explained that this would be in respect for those Americans "who have sacrificed their lives in Vietnam, so that this nation might live to be for all people everywhere a symbol of peace and justice and freedom."

"On this Memorial Day," the President said, "we who remain free by the sacrifice of the dead and the service of the living will requite our debt to both with thoughts and acts of gratitude and love."

President Johnson called on the press, radio, television and all other information media to cooperate in the observance.

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GERALD MARTIN
President, Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference

"Let us seek the power of the Holy Spirit for spiritual renewal as the Convention stands on the threshold of the Crusade of the Americas."

MRS. ROBERT FLING
President, Women's Missionary Union



Springfield Sunday School Sets Record

The Sunday School of the Springfield Church in Scott County has set a new state record by being Standard for 40 consecutive years. Recognition was given in a recent service with L. J. Newton, consultant in Sunday School Department of Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, making award. Several present are seen, from left, in foreground: Malcolm Cooper, Sunday School superintendent; Bryant Cummings, Jackson, state Sunday School director; Mr. Newton and Rev. E. E. Onley, pastor. In background: Marshall Beard; Leon McEwen, both former superintendents; Rev. Judd Allen, associate Sunday School Department, and Woodrow Rushing, former superintendent. The school was awarded the new Merit Achievement Guide, which will take the place of the standard in September.

Students Plan Demonstration

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ers to participate in the dialogue with the students. He added that there appeared to be no feeling of animosity or hostility among either the students or convention leaders, and both would welcome the opportunity to have dialogue.

About 35-50 students from North Carolina have indicated that they plan to attend the convention as an expression of their concern, but one of the leaders of the group said as many as 200 might participate in the dialogue and "responsible demonstration."

Stressing that they want to express their concern responsibly, the students listed three main topics for the dialogue in a letter circulated to several Baptist school student groups and leaders:

(1) What the SBC, through its agencies and churches is doing, and what it is not doing

in response to the social and economic problems of the 20th century; (2) What the SBC in annual session can do, and what it should do in response to these issues; and (3) How the SBC can be restructured to speak to and act on the vast array of new problems, unforeseen when the SBC was first established.

The topics were listed in a letter distributed by Terry Nichols, student at University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, and coordinator of "Baptist Students Concerned." Two other students are leading the effort with Nichols — Micky Corn, president of the Baptist Student Union at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, and Roger Sharpe, student at North Carolina State and vice president of the state-wide Baptist Student Union.

Sharpe said in an interview that the students were not really staging a protest because "we won't try to stop anything from going on, but only try to express ourselves." The students did not even want to term their "silent vigil holding placards" as picketing.

Sharpe also commended the SBC leaders who signed a "Statement on Crisis in the Nation" for presentation to the convention, saying it was "one of the most beautiful things that has ever come out of the race issue among Southern Baptists."

The letter written by Nichols chided the SBC for "conspicuously avoiding even discussing the vital issues facing the American people today: racial unrest, exploitation of the poor, the Vietnam war and others."

The letter cited as evidence the program for the SBC Pastors' Conference saying, "Many Southern Baptist students believe it is time for the SBC (pastors included) to 'wake up'."

"Many feel, as I do, that the SBC can yet play a much-needed part in rebuilding our society so that there will be hope and justice for every man," wrote Nichols. "Many believe that unless the SBC responds positively and concretely to the crisis in America, it will ultimately fail in its attempts to spread the Gospel of Peace, Justice and Reconciliation among men."

The letter concluded with an appeal for Baptist students to join "in this responsible effort

to affect the policy of the SBC with regard to the vital issues of the day."

MISSIONARY KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Dr. C. L. Smith, 43, missionary, was killed in an automobile accident in Nigeria on Thursday, May 16. Mrs. Smith was injured, but not critically. She is in the University College Teaching Hospital, Ibadan.

The accident occurred about 20 miles north of Lagos as Dr. and Mrs. Smith were en route to Ogbomoso, where they lived and where he was on the staff of the Baptist Hospital. Dr. Smith had met his wife in Lagos as she returned to Nigeria by plane after a brief family visit in the States.

L. C. Smith was the brother of Truman S. Smith, an associate secretary in the Foreign Mission Board's department for missionary personnel. His wife, the former Eunice Andrews, is the sister of Mrs. Truman Smith.

"L. C. Smith was one of our best missionaries," said Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, the Board's secretary for Africa, when he received the news. "The loss is greater than we can express."

A native of Chalybeate Springs, N. C., Dr. Smith received the bachelor of science degree from Wake Forest College and the doctor of medicine degree from Bowman Gray School of Medicine, both in Winston-Salem, N. C.

In addition to his widow and his brother Truman, Dr. Smith's survivors include three children, Melba, 14, Loy Connell, Jr., 12, and Brian, 7; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith, of Fuquay Varina, N. C.; a sister, Mrs. Warren Coble, of Albemarle, N. C.; and another brother, Tillman B. Smith, of Silver Spring, Md.

(Mrs. L. C. Smith may be addressed at P. O. Box 15, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, West Africa.)

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from the Executive Committee for action the following day.

The statement in full is as follows:

A Statement Concerning The Crisis In Our Nation
(We recognize that no individual can speak for a convention, agency, or church. The following represents the concern, confession, commitment, and appeal by the undersigned.)

We Face A Crisis
Our nation is enveloped in a social and cultural revolution. We are shocked by the potential for anarchy in a land dedicated to democracy and freedom. There are ominous sounds of hate and violence among men and of unbelief and rebellion toward God. These compel Christians to face the social situation and to examine themselves under the judgment of God.

We are an affluent society, abounding in wealth and luxury. Yet, one-fifth of our people, black and white, suffer from poverty. Many are hurt by circumstance they cannot escape, injustice they cannot correct, or heartless exploitation they cannot resist. Many live in slum housing or ghettos of race or poverty or ignorance or bitterness that generate both despair and defiance.

We are a nation that declares the sovereignty of law and the necessity of civil order. Yet, we have had riots, and have tolerated conditions that breed riots, spread violence, foster disrespect for the law, and undermine the democratic process.

We are a nation that declares the equality and rights of persons irrespective of race. Yet, as a nation, we have allowed cultural patterns to persist that have deprived millions of black Americans, and other racial groups as well, of equality of recognition and opportunity in the areas of education, employment, citizenship, housing, and worship. Worse still, as a nation, we have condoned prejudices that have damaged the personhood of blacks and whites alike. We have seen a climate of racism developed resulting in hostility, injustice, suspicion, faction, strife, and alarming potential for bitterness, division, destruction, and death.

We Voice Our Confession
We, the Southern Baptists, arouse the Christian conscience. Judgment begins at the house of God. Christians are inescapably involved in the life of the nation. We therefore acknowledge our share of responsibility for the injustice, disorder, and wickedness of our land. We humble ourselves before God and acknowledge that we share the blame with millions of other persons for the shame of lawlessness, the agony of injustice, and the spirit of strife.

As Southern Baptists, representative of one of the largest bodies of Christians in our nation and claiming special ties of spiritual unity with the large conventions of Negro Baptists in our land, we have come far short of our privilege in Christian brotherhood.

We implore God to create in us a right spirit of repentance and to make us instruments of his redemption, his

righteousness, his peace, and his love toward all men.

We Declare Our Commitment
The Christ we serve, the opportunity we face, and the crisis we confront, compel us to action. We therefore declare our commitment, believing this to be right in the sight of God and our duty under the lordship of Christ.

We will respect every individual as a person possessing dignity and inherent worth growing out of his creation in the image of God.

We will strive to obtain and secure for every person equality of human and civil rights. We will undertake to secure opportunities in matters of citizenship, public services, education, employment, and personal habitation that every man may achieve his highest potential as a person.

We will accept and exercise our civic responsibility as Christians to defend people against injustice. We will strive to insure for all persons the full opportunity for achievement according to the endowments given by God.

We will refuse to be a party to any movement that fosters racism or violence or mob action.

We will personally accept every Christian as a brother beloved in the Lord and welcome to the fellowship of faith and worship every person irrespective of race or class.

We will strive by personal initiative and every appropriate means of communication to bridge divisive barriers, to work for reconciliation, and to open channels of fellowship and cooperation.

We will strive to become well-informed about public issues, social ills, and divisive movements that are damaging to human relationships. We will strive to resist prejudice and to combat forces that breed distrust and hostility.

We will recognize our involvement with other Christians and with all others of good will in the obligation to work for righteousness in public

life and justice for all persons. We will strive to promote Christian brotherhood as a witness to the gospel of Christ.

We Make An Appeal

Our nation is at the crossroads. We must decide whether we shall be united in good will, freedom, and justice under God to serve mankind or be destroyed by covetousness, passion, hate, and strife.

We appeal to our fellow Southern Baptists to join us in self-examination under the Spirit of God and to accept the present crisis as a challenge from God to strive for reconciliation by love.

We appeal to our fellow Southern Baptists to engage in Christian ventures in human relationships, and to take courageous actions for justice and peace.

We believe that a vigorous Christian response to this national crisis is imperative for an effective witness on our part at home and abroad.

Words will not suffice. The time has come for action. Our hope for healing and renewal is in the redemption of the whole of life. Let us call men to faith in Christ. Let us dare to accept the full demands of the love and lordship of Christ in human relationships and urgent ministry. Let us be identified with Christ in the reproach and suffering of the cross.

We express the earnest hope that the Executive Committee and the Southern Baptist Convention will take the following actions:

1. Approve this statement on the national crisis.
2. Authorize the agencies concerned in these areas to set up a task force to deal with these problems in the most effective manner possible, consistent with their program assignments. It is understood that the chairman of the Inter-Agency Council will convene the meeting of interested agencies

as soon as possible for organization. Immediate action may be necessary in some cases. Long range plans should be worked out through the Inter-Agency Council.

3. Call upon the churches, the associations, and state conventions to join the Southern Baptist Convention in a renewal of Christian effort to meet this national crisis.

Signing the statement were the following individuals: (listed alphabetically):

Clifton J. Allen, Reuben E. Alley, Charles H. Ashcraft, John P. Baker, O. L. Bayless, Harold C. Bennett, Millard J. Berquist, Kendall Berry, Olin T. Binkley, Charles E. Blackman, C. E. Boyle, R. Y. Bradford, Rabun Brantley, Glen E. Braswell, Emanuel Carlson, J. Dee Cates.

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MISSIONS SUPERINTENDENTS SLATE MEETING IN HOUSTON

HOUSTON (BP) — The annual Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Superintendents of Missions meeting here Monday, June 3, will open with an address on "Changing Attitudes Toward Missions."

Hugh O. Chambliss, superintendent of missions for the Madison Baptist Association in Huntsville, Ala., will bring the opening address.

Sessions will be held at West End Baptist Church, 802 Shepherd Drive in Houston, beginning at 9:00 a. m. and ending at 4:00 p. m., Monday; June 3. D. E. Strahan, superintendent of the East Central Illinois Baptist Association in Champaign, Ill., is president of the organization.

Of the eight speakers to the organization, all but two are superintendents of missions for the local-level associations of Baptist churches. Most of the speeches will deal with strengthening the work of the associations.

The two outside speakers will be Loyd Corder, associate director of the division of missions for the Southern Baptist

Home Mission Board, Atlanta; and Miss Elaine Dickson, assistant to the director, promotion division, Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala.

A luncheon will feature an address by H. L. McClanahan, executive director of the Southern Baptist Convention. Reservations are required no later than Friday, May 31, said Strahan, and the cost will be \$2 per person.

Men To Ohio — — —

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Baptist Convention Board, Rev. E. L. Howell, director, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Men participating will be required to pay their own expenses or be sponsored by some group or organization, he added.

Rev. Ross Hughes, superintendent of missions of the heavily populated Warren, Ohio area, said that the men would be asked to seek out new places for the starting of missions.

Those already enlisted are as follows:

Rev. James McLemore, Oakvale; Rev. Melvin Jones, McComb; Rev. C. E. Rivers, Graceville, Fla.; Rev. David E. Townsend, Monticello; Rev. Hollis McGill, Pascagoula; James Hiram Smith, Magee; Rev. Henry L. Tillman, Shubuta; H. G. Carpenter, Rolling-Fork.

Rev. Paul Jakes, Clinton; Donald Patterson, Merigold; Howard Carpenter, Senatobia; Rev. Leo Timms, Polkville; Charles Burnham, Brandon; Tommy Puxis, Morton; M. A. Goldman, Natchez; J. F. Atkinson, Jr., Houma, La.; Walter C. Ryals, Columbia; Hilton Coward, McCall Creek; Wiley Ables, Belzoni.

Rev. John Brock, Milton Pace, M. V. McLean, all of Meridian; Claude Townsend, R. L. Compere, both of Florence.

Rex Minter, Alex C. Cooper, John E. Maddox, Billy Holliday, Rev. Herman Milner, Gary Black, John Heiden, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Waldon, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Norton, R. O. Niblett, James H. Jordan, Cecil Peoples and Curtis Whitfield, all of Jackson.

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Midway Honors Choctaw Guests

A group of Choctaw Indian women and girls visited Midway Church, Jackson, Wednesday night, May 29, and were honor guests at prayer meeting and the reception that followed. They participated in Sunbeams, GA, and YWA organizations.

The Choctaws were spending the week at Camp Garaywa May 27-31, at the annual camp sponsored for them by the Mississippi WMU, Miss Waudine Storey, camp director, assisted by Mrs. Dolton Haggan, general missionary to the Choctaw Indians.

Rev. W. Benton Preston is the Midway pastor.

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Picture Of A Righteous Man

By Clifton J. Allen
Job 31

The story of Job should be recalled from the last lesson. Also, a reading of the book of Job shows the successive scenes of Job's misery and the questions that tortured his soul. His friends accounted for his affliction by some evil in his life. He denied the charge and tenaciously held on to his integrity. The debate with his friends shows Job's varying moods—at times declaring triumphant faith in God and at times feeling utter despair because of the misery of his plight and the mystery of God's dealings with him.

The Lesson Explained
We may well consider chapter 31 as a whole, and see it in relation to the two preceding chapters, as Job's testimony to his integrity.

UPRIGHTNESS AND INTEGRITY (vv. 1-12)

In declaring his integrity, Job declared his fidelity to sex purity. He would not tempt himself with lustful looks. He felt responsible before God for sex as well as other matters. He was determined to tell the truth, to refrain from falsehood and deceit. With a determination to be honest in all things, he refused to yield to covetous desire and thus became guilty before the Lord. He had kept himself from adultery, feeling that such would be a heinous crime deserving of the severest punishment, even the destruction of himself and all his increase. Job was thus affirming his innocence of gross sensual sins.

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COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY (vv. 13-23)

Job had lived a clean life. He had also cultivated consideration for unfortunate persons—for the weak, for the poor, and for persons in other situations of distress. He had dealt with his servants—and we may think of them more as slaves than employees—in fairness, knowing that they too had the rights of persons and were due respect and consideration and knowing, further, that he was answerable to God for the way he treated his fellowmen. He had shown kindness to the poor in their need, to widows in their dependent condition, and to orphans in their defenseless situation. Stating the truth hypothetically, he said that if he had allowed any to perish for want of clothing, if he had withheld the fleece to provide for the needy and to keep them warm, if he had been unjust or inconsiderate toward the fatherless, he would be willing for his arm to be wrenched from his shoulder.

ABSTINENCE FROM GREED, MALICE, AND HYPOCRISY (vv. 24-40)

In this passage Job relates his integrity to greed, idleness, ill will toward enemies, and hypocrisy. He had not put his hope in gold or his trust in riches. He had not been vain-glorious and covetous with respect to his wealth. He had not been guilty of idleness by showing reverence for the sun and the moon, or saluting them with a kiss and wave of the hand in adoration. Had he done these things, he would have merited the punishment of God. Though he had enemies who hated him, he had not rejoiced when evil overtook them. He had not refused hospitality and kindness to strangers. With honest purpose to be truly upright, he had not lived hypocritically, appearing to men as righteous but concealing transgressions and iniquities from the knowledge of others. In other words, Job proved his integrity by the life he lived.

Truths to Live By
Nobility of character calls for the utmost commitment. It takes striving against sin even unto blood—that is, to the point of the fiercest struggle or the greatest danger—if one is to resist the snares of temptation and the ways of wickedness. Virtue is maintained by a willingness to suffer reproach for Christ's sake, to suffer social rejection, and to sustain economic losses of one kind or another.

The Cost Of Service

By Bill Duncan
John 15: 18-16: 33

In this day very little is said about the conflict between the world and Christianity. In reality there was a conflict so strong that the death of Christ was a result. The Christians are trying to play down this conflict by living more like the world and causing their lives to be characterized by the ways of the world. The conflict is still with us, and when we live like Christ the same attitude will be demonstrated toward us.

To serve Christ costs us something. Our problem within the church is that we are not paying the price. We do not want anyone to dislike us, but if we serve Christ right there will be a great cost.

Explanation Of Persecution 18-25

This portion of the discourse was to prepare the disciples for persecution, which would inevitably come to them if they maintained a vital relationship with him.

When the disciples began to feel the hatred of the world, they should remind themselves that Jesus was hated also. The reason for the hatred was that the Christians were not like the world. The Christians were chosen out of the world as a redemptive fellowship to help redeem the world. They were not to live a monastic life but a redemptive life. The persecution would come because if the leader suffered then the followers would too.

The real explanation for the persecution is that the world does not know Him. The world does not have the knowledge and relationship of Christ that the followers of Christ do. Many in the Roman world thought that Jesus and his followers were disloyal to the government. The government persecuted the Christians because they would have no king except Christ. Persecution came because they put Christ first.

There is no excuse for the persecution and sin on the part of the world. Jesus came and brought the revelation of God, and his coming removes the ground for excuse. Jesus exposed sin. He told of the wishes God had for men. He also provided a remedy for sin. These are the privileges and responsibilities that Jesus brought to man. There is no cause for the hatred and persecution. The Holy Spirit continues to give a witness and helps in the witness to give the world no excuse for this attitude.

Elaboration Of Persecution 16: 1-33
The disciples could never say that they were not warned of the cost of service. Jesus was always honest with his followers. Jesus offered the followers glory, but this only came when they bore their cross effectively.

There were two ways that the disciples would be persecuted: (1) They would be excommunicated from the Synagogue. Those who need fellowship were to be denied the religious service with others. (2) They would be killed. Their life would be taken, and the ones doing so would think they were doing God a favor.

What a paradox. The disciples were to have a comforter-persuader to reassure them during the time of need. He will really give a larger blessing. The disciples would have the Spirit to continue their instruction. The progressive revelation of the Spirit may be in addition to the revelation of Jesus Christ. The work of the Spirit will also be upon the world. (1) He will convict of the sin of disbelief. (2) He will convince that Jesus is the Christ. (3) He will convince evil men that they too are subject to the judgement even as Satan was judged by the cross of Christ.

The disciples should keep their faith for the future. They would suffer tribulation from the world, but the tribulation would not triumph over them. The gift of Jesus is courage and conquest. They would be proved as the disciples by the things they suffered. The world did its worst to Christ, and he emerged victorious. Life can do its worst to us but by possessing the courage and conquest of the cross, we can be victorious too.



Carlton Lowther

JOINS STAFF AT GULFSHORE

Gulfshore Assembly has announced that Carlton Lowther has been employed as assistant superintendent of buildings and grounds. In this position Mr. Lowther will be responsible for all housekeeping and floor care for the assembly. He will also be given the job of landscaping, which will primarily be an "off season" responsibility. In one area of work Mr. Lowther will directly assist the manager. He will live on the grounds and will be the person who will seek to take care of guests who arrive after the office is closed. During the off season he will assist the manager in meeting and helping with the groups.

Mr. Lowther is a native of Clinton, and a graduate of Central High School in Jackson. He has been associated with the Broadmoor Church, Jackson, as Building Superintendent for the past two years.

In addition to Mr. Lowther's activities in the local church, he has been active in the Jackson Men's Garden Club, serving on the Board of Directors, as Secretary, and as Editor of the monthly publication. He was recently the recipient of the bronze medal for his contribution to the organization.

He is married to the former Norma Lee Smith of Greenwood, and they are the parents of three children. Their daughter, Carol Ann, will be a sophomore in the Pass Christian High School. Their two sons, Howard and Richard, will be in the 8th and 7th grades at Pass Christian Junior High School.

Raul Garcia, formerly employed by Gulfshore, and having some of the responsibilities assumed by Mr. Lowther is now employed at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Churches In The News

Johnson Creek Church, State Line, held Homecoming Day May 26. Rev. Wendell Gilmore of Highland Church, Jackson, former pastor, spoke at the morning service. Gospel singing followed lunch at the church.

Friendship Church, Lincoln County, plans homecoming Sunday June 2, with Sunday school at 10 a. m. followed by the worship service at 11. Rev. E. A. Young, a former pastor, will bring the messages of the day. Young is pastor of Riverdale Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Lunch will be served, followed by a service in the afternoon. There will be an offering taken for the upkeep of the cemetery. The pastor is Rev. John I. Hill.

CHURCHES IN THE NEWS—
Antioch Church, Simpson County, will hold Homecoming June 2. Rev. E. N. Sullivan, will be the 11 a. m. speaker. Following dinner on the grounds there will be an afternoon music worship service. Former members and pastors are invited.

Heuck's Retreat Church, Brookhaven, will have Homecoming Day June 2. Rev. Luther Bullard will preach at 11. The last three graduating classes of Heuck's Retreat school will be recognized. A memorial service will be held. Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall. The afternoon service will be a music service. Offerings will go to the cemetery and grounds fund. Rev. R. A. Coulter, Jr. is pastor.

Elmo Church, Liberty, will have homecoming June 2, with lunch at the church and all-day services. Rev. C. O. Stegall, pastor, says, "Remember it's special cemetery day. If you can't be there, send your gift."

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ASTRO DAY JUNE 8

(Continued from page 1)

been set aside for the S.B.C. and will be available at the convention headquarters, Shamrock Hilton, Rice Hotel, and the Houston Exhibit Center, along with tickets for ASTROWORLD.

Conventioners who would like advance tickets for either ASTROWORLD, Astro Baseball, or both should send check or money order to Tickets, Houston Astros, Box 1691, Houston, 77001. Box seats are \$3.50 and reserve seats \$2.50.

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Yesterday's Hero Is Gone

By Hardy R. Denham, Jr., Pastor, First, Newton
"Moses, my servant is dead, now therefore arise, go over this Jordan."—Joshua 1:2

We Americans are hero worshipers. A Charles Lindbergh who spans the Atlantic in a primitive aircraft; a Captain Carlson who stays with his floundering Flying Enterprise; a John Glenn who orbits the earth in a space capsule all receive the praise and homage of a nation of hero worshipers. And yet, the hero has only a fleeting moment of glory and fame, for someone else replaces him in the public spotlight by performing an even greater and more spectacular feat. It is amazing to see how quickly one whose name is on every tongue, whose picture is in every paper, quickly fades into obscurity.



Certainly Moses was the man of the hour in his time, but his time passed. God said, "Moses, my servant is dead." He became yesterday's hero, and yesterday's hero was now gone. What is needed when yesterday's hero is gone? The answer is obvious. The need is for someone to rise to meet the needs of today — someone to be the new man of the hour. Joshua was God's choice for a new day; thus came the call, "Arise, go over this Jordan."

Our world and Christian history have been blessed by the services of men and women who were the Moses' of their day. There was Paul who freed the gospel from the narrow limitations of one race and religion; there was Martin Luther who challenged the entrenched ecclesiastical authority that paralyzed Christianity; there were the Judsons and Careys who gave us a new mission-mindedness; there were the Scarboroughs and Truett who gave us denominational integrity and leadership. We do well when we pause in the midst of the rush of life to pay tribute to these and their service. Even as Israel owed Moses a debt of gratitude, so we owe one to these heroes and heroines of the past.

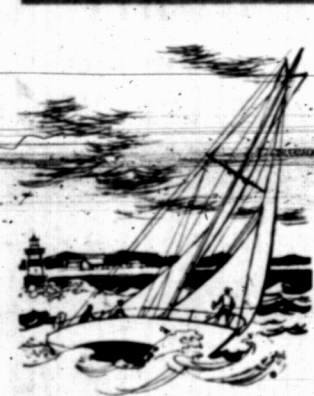
But these people are now yesterday's heroes. They made the difference in their day, but their day is now gone. The need of the hour is for a "Joshua"—one who will take the place of yesterday's hero and become today's man of the hour. Even as God sought Joshua and called him to assume the responsibility of a new day, so God is today seeking out those who will accept His challenge to be His man in a new day. Are you one who is willing to take the place of yesterday's hero and become God's man of the hour today?

New Orleans Alumni To Celebrate Golden Anniversary In Houston

One out of every eight former students of New Orleans Seminary is expected to attend the Golden Anniversary Celebration alumni luncheon in Houston, Texas, on June 6. Highlighting the noon program in the Grand Ballroom of the Rice Hotel will be an address by Seminary President H. Leo Eddleman, speaking on the accomplishments of the school during its first fifty years of service to Southern Baptists and the New Orleans area.

Ticket sales in the Seminary Public Relations office are climbing with each mail delivery, according to F. Stanley Hardee, Jr., Assistant to the President.

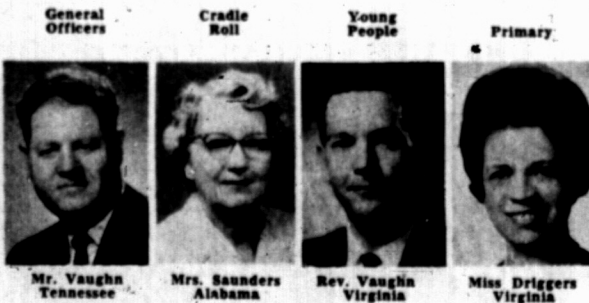
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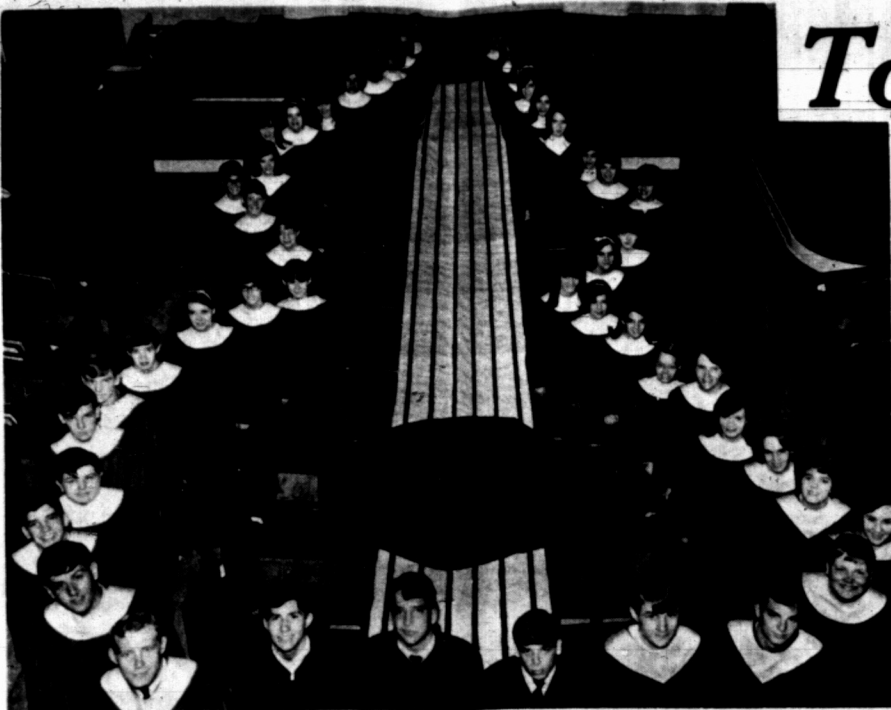
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Highland, Meridian, To Present "Good News"

The Vesper Choir of Highland Church, Meridian will present the Christian folk musical "Good News" on Sunday evening, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Highland Church. The director of the choir is James B. McElroy. The pastor is Rev. Jack Elliott.

Arkansas Youths Advocate Annual Beach Ministry

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (BP)—"What's it all about, Alfie?"

For a group of about 50 Arkansas college students, spring holidays were all about sermons set to popular lyrics like the line above and sung to thousands of other youths observing Easter on Daytona beaches.

According to Tom Logue, director of the student department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, "It was worthwhile. I believe these young people experienced many spiritual victories and established friendships which in some cases probably will continue."

The group included 45 Arkansas youths, three from Kentucky, one from Louisiana and two from Mississippi. They arrived in Daytona Thursday night and set up camp at Bethune - Cookman College (A.M.E.).

"They spent all day on the beaches making friends of a lot of different types of students—sharing a meal, sometimes giving out a tract and

inviting everyone to our program," Logue said.

A bandshell on the beach was reserved for the group all afternoon Friday and Saturday and a portion of Sunday when they presented a program every hour.

This program revolved around four men and two women called the Mil (mean-

ing "in life") Singers, a folk group who present sermons in adaptations of popular songs such as "Downtown" and "Alfie."

"The group sang 'Christ Our Contemporary' at sunrise Sunday morning to about 1,500 people attending special beachside services," Logue said.



THE MAIN BILLING went to MIL (Meaning in Life) Singers pictured here, when Baptist students from Arkansas spent a day ministering on the beach at Daytona Beach. (Home Board Photo)

Walthall Choir To Sing In Houston

A Walthall County youth choir, sponsored by Tylertown Church, has been invited to sing "Good News," Christian folk musical, in a combined cast of a possible 1500 at the Southern Baptist Convention June 7.

The presentation is scheduled at Sam Houston Coliseum on Friday night in the final session preceding an address by Dr. Billy Graham.

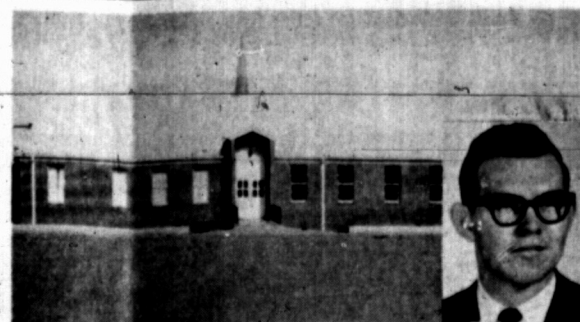
David Grimsley is choir director and minister of music of the Tylertown Church.

The Willow Meadows Church, as one of the host Houston churches, will provide two nights lodging and breakfast to the 81-member youth choir and eight adult chaperones. Tylertown pastor is Dr. Johnnie L. Brigman.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK AT HARDY

Rev. J. R. Marshall, Jr., missionary to Thailand, will be the guest speaker Sunday, June 2, for both the 11:00 a.m. and the 7:30 p.m. services at Hardy Church (Grenada County).

"Mr. Marshall was reared in the Hardy community and this visit back home will be a real treat for the people of this area," states the pastor, Rev. Charles Jones.



WASHINGTON CHURCH in Adams Association, Rev. Howard D. Smith, pastor, observed GROWTH IN CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP from January 28-February 18. The average weekly offering in 1967 was \$523.57. The Demonstration Day offering was \$798.65 and during the month of February the weekly offering averaged \$745.00. Out of an average attendance of 164 in Sunday School, there were 150 dedication cards signed. Smith states, "I would commend this program without reservations. I would commend it to be followed as closely as possible 'to the letter' for the full benefit."

Today's Youth



PICTURED is a youth team from Mississippi College. Right to left: Steve Brown, Mary Hill, Alton Wagner, and Rev. Earle Greene, pastor, East Booneville Church, Booneville. This team served during a youth-led revival at East Booneville Church April 19-21.



THE CLARKE TEAM above led in youth day at Mt. Pleasant Church, Holmes Association, April 14. Front row, l to r: Kaye Lowe, soloist; Margie Lewis, pianist; Bobbie Coley, who gave her testimony. Back row, l to r: Ronald Hicks, song director; Tom Jones, who gave his testimony; Chester Keene, evangelist. Lunch was served at the church.



"Good News" Musical At Rankin County Youth Rally

The Christian Folk Musical "Good News" was presented by the Youth Singers of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, at the Rankin County Youth Rally, First Church, Brandon, on Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m.

The rhythm of 80 youth and the strumming guitar sets the pace for a dynamic encounter between the Christian gospel and the modern youth.

The Youth Singers have been recorded by Century Records and have been sent on Channel 3 television. The group is under the direction of Billy Jack Green, Jim Hawkins, and Dennis Conniff, III. Dr. Allen O. Webb is pastor.

Tippah County Tournament

Concord, Harmony and Falkner won divisional championships in the Tippah County Royal Ambassador's Basketball Tournament.

Concord beat Walnut, 58 to 51 in the finals to take the Ambassador group ages 15 to 17. Walnut defeated Harmony 51 to 35 in the preliminary of the upper age bracket competition.

Harmony edged by Oakland, 42 to 40, to win the Pioneer bracket—ages 12 to 14. Harmony earlier snuffed Concord and Lowrey Memorial on the way to the finals. Oakland victimized Walnut and Fellowship. Walnut took Falkner in a preliminary of the mid age group.

Falkner outscored Lowrey Memorial, 13 to 9 to take the Crusader group—ages 9 to 11. Falkner tipped Oakland in an early round and Lowrey Memorial overshadowed Fellowship.

The single elimination tourney, sponsored by the Tippah County Baptist Association, was held in the Blue Mountain High School and Blue Mountain College gym.

GREENFIELD GIVES LUAU FOR SENIORS

Greenfield Church, Greenfield, honored their seniors on May 11, at eight p.m. with an Hawaiian Luau. The church was decorated with fish nets and starfish, cushions, and lowered tables centered around a palm tree.

Robert Taylor, Chancery Clerk, gave an inspirational talk after dinner. The church presented each graduating senior with a personal Bible. Seniors honored were Janice Lackey, Sandra Burton, Wanda Jackson, Curtiss Pace, Larry Easterling, Freddie Easterling, and Doris Maxey.

Rev. L. H. McCollough is pastor of Greenfield.

As guests entered, they were presented a colorful lei.

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- If you can't honestly say yes to all six questions, buckle down right away and improve your driving habits. If you have a perfect score, you've got what it takes to be a safe, courteous, mature driver. (From Metropolitan Life)—Sponsored by Pilot Club of Jackson



Faye Dobson has received a free trip to Glorieta Assembly from First Church, Carriere. She is the second of four young people who will receive trips to Glorieta this summer for outstanding work in the Lord's service. The church places in the budget the amount of five hundred dollars each year to send four young people to Glorieta or Ridgecrest for outstanding work during the church year. "This program has proven very successful and beneficial to the whole church family," states Rev. Wm. Gary Smith, pastor.

1ST, CANTON YOUTH CHOIR ON TOUR

The Youth Choir of First Church, Canton, are on tour May 27-May 31. These thirty-five youth will sing an hour concert consisting of gospel songs, hymn-anthems, spirituals, and anthems. William H. Sellers, minister of music, will direct the group and Mike Davis, church organist, will accompany them. The choir will be traveling via their new church bus. Besides visiting the HemisFair, these teenagers will give concerts at North End Church, Beaumont, Texas; North East Church, San Antonio, and Town East Church, Mesquite, Texas. The choir will present this concert in their home church on June 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Revival Dates

North Union Church (Covington): June 2-7; Rev. James Solle, evangelist; Rev. Bilbo Sellers, pastor.

Hermanville Church: June 3-9; Chaplain Ralph Graves from R. G. LeTourneau Plant, Vicksburg, evangelist; services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Harry Douglas, pastor.